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### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Pequot-sepos Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.  
to be held on Saturday, July 16th, 1966  
at 9:30 AM  
at the Sanctuary's Trailside Museum  
Mystic, Connecticut

The meeting will be followed by coffee and doughnuts  
and a Trail Walk about the Sanctuary.

### THE GRAND CANYON DAMS

Except in conservation publications, little has been published for the general public on the subject of the projected dams in the Grand Canyon. If you have ever seen the Grand Canyon, you are aware of its incredible beauty. If you ever hope to see it, action must be taken NOW to save it from destruction.

The proposed dams, one above Grand Canyon National Park, which is less than half the extent of the whole Canyon, and one dam below the Park, will drown parts of the Canyon under 280 feet of water. Granted that Arizona is an arid State, there are cheaper and better ways of securing to it an adequate water supply. And even were these ways more costly, can we as a people afford, for the benefit of one State, to destroy one of the wonders of our country and the world?

The primary purposes of the Grand Canyon National Park as defined by law are: "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." If this National Park, unique in all the world, cannot be protected from encroachment by special interests, what hope have we of saving any of our lesser National Parks? To quote Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior: "We cannot afford an America where expedience tramples upon esthetics and development decisions are made with an eye only on the present."

If you agree with the foregoing there IS something you, as a private citizen, can do. And unless private citizens all over the country make themselves heard, we shall lose an important part of our priceless heritage. The lower Colorado River development legislation (HR 4671) presently includes in its proposals the two dams at Bridge Canyon and Marble Gorge.

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GRAND CANYON DAMS (continued)

It is urgent that you express your opinion TODAY; officials to contact are:

Lyndon B. Johnson                      President of the United States, Washington, D.C.  
Stewart L. Udall                      Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

For Connecticut residents:

Senator Thomas J. Dodd              )  
Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff)      Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Connecticut Congressmen for the following districts:

1st - Emilio Q. Daddario, Hartford area  
2nd - William L. St. Onge, Eastern Conn.  
3rd - Robert Giaimo, New Haven area  
4th - Donald Irwin, Norwalk area  
5th - John S. Monagan, Waterbury area  
6th - Bernard Grabowski, Bristol area

} all addressed:  
House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

For Rhode Island residents:

Senator Clayborne Pell              )  
Senator John O. Pastore)          Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.  
Congressman F. J. St. Germain)      House Office Building, Washington, D.C.  
Congressman John E. Fogarty)

Emma A. Cole

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FROM: "THE ENTIRE GRAND CANYON MUST BE PROTECTED"

Sierra Club Bulletin - May 1966

"For several years it has been Sierra Club policy that the entire Grand Canyon should be given national park status or equivalent protection. Now, in a counter-offensive against the drive for destructive dams in the Canyon, this policy has been embodied in proposed legislation. Last month the club drafted a bill and it was introduced by Congressmen John Saylor, John Dingell, and Henry Reuss. This bill provides:

1. That Grand Canyon National Monument shall be made a part of Grand Canyon National Park. (Refer to map for areas covered by various section of the bill.)

2. That the eastern portion of Lake Mead National Recreation Area be added to the national park.

3. That parts of the Hualpai Indian Reservation be added to the national park subject to the approval of the Hualpai Tribal Council.

4. That parts of the Grand Canyon National Game Reserve in the Kaibab National Forest be added to the park.

5. That parts of the Navajo Indian Reservation be added to the national park subject to the approval of the Navajo Tribal Council

6. That the Secretary of the Interior be authorized and directed to select

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no less than 100,000 acres from lands in the public domain and within the Kaibab National Forest along the west rim of Marble Gorge for inclusion in the national park.

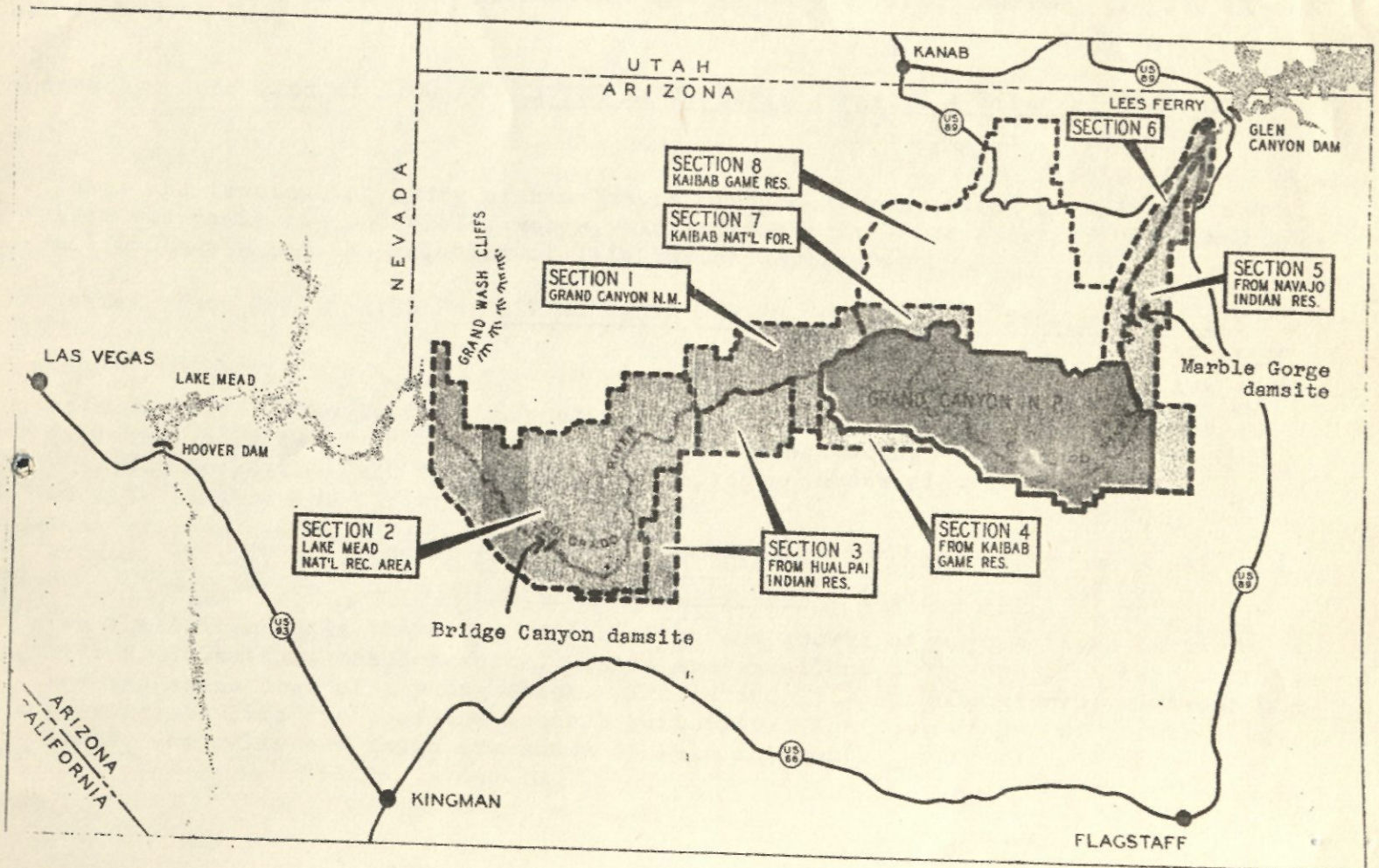
7. That parts of the Kaibab National Forest north of the west end of the existing national park be added to the enlarged national park.

8. That the President be authorized to add such lands north and west of the Colorado River within the Kaibab Game Reserve in the Kaibab National Forest, and related public domain lands east of the forest, as he finds adapted to national park purposes.

A final section of the bill provides that 'The provisions of the Federal Power Act shall not apply to any portion of Grand Canyon National Park as hereby enlarged, and all existing withdrawals of the Federal Power Commission within the enlarged park are hereby vacated, and all withdrawals of the Bureau of Reclamation within the enlarged park, other than those related to Hoover Dam and Glen Canyon Dam, are hereby vacated.'

Saylor's bill is HR 14176; Dingell's, HR 14177; and Reuss's, HR 14211. The three Congressmen deserve the commendation and support of everyone who believes that the entire Grand Canyon not a mere fraction of it, should be 'Preserved unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.' "

If we Americans should fail to preserve this fantastic work of Nature, truly one of the greatest natural wonders of this planet, then surely nothing is safe, nothing sacred. Please do your part. Write to the officials listed on page 2 of this issue. ED.





THE PEQUOT-SEPOS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, INC.

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PRESENTS

# JUNIOR TRAILSIDE FILM SERIES

FOR

SUMMER 1966

## ANNOUNCEMENT #2

The response has been such that the Junior Trailside Film Series will be continued through the Summer. This next series of eleven narrated color films will be scheduled each Wednesday of the month beginning June 22nd and continuing through August 31st, inclusive. All films will be shown at 2:00 PM in the Workshop at the Pequot-sepos Wildlife Sanctuary in Mystic. The atmosphere will continue to be a relaxed one with the participants sitting informally on the floor. A question and answer period will follow each program.

This series is offered free to Sanctuary members. Non-member children will be charged 25¢ per program. The Sanctuary reserves the right to make film substitutions if necessary. The Junior Trailside Film Series should not be confused with the regular Trailside Film Series presently occurring on the first Thursday evening of each month at 8:00 PM.

Wednesday, June 22nd at 2:00 PM LIVING EARTH SERIES, Part I - Birth of the Soil  
Part II - This Vital Earth

(both films = 25 min.)

Tells the fascinating story of how Nature produces our precious lifegiving topsoil from the basic raw materials, water, air and sunlight. The story of plant and animal ecology - and the relation of life to the environment.

Wednesday, June 29th at 2:00 PM LIVING EARTH SERIES, Part III - Arteries of Life  
Part IV - Seeds of Destruction

(both films = 25 min.)

Adds two more links to the chain of Life - the contribution of water and forest. Explains the role of the forest in storing and regulating the flow of life giving water to topsoil. Part two shows what happens when one of the links in the "chain of life" is broken.

Wednesday, July 6th at 2:00 PM SCREECHER THE TERN  
MONARCH BUTTERFLY STORY (both films = 27 min.)

The first film tells the story of the birth and growth of a young tern on the shores of Chatham, Massachusetts. There are excellent close-ups of a tern family, and the adventures of a young chick. The second film shows wonderful closeups portraying the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. The four stages of growth - egg, larva, chrysalis and imago are shown of this interesting butterfly.



Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM WHITE WINGS IN THE WILLOWS  
WHITE SPLENDOR (both films = 25 min.)

The first film shows beautiful scenes of rookeries (on the Florida prairie) inhabited by Snowy Egrets, American Egrets and Louisiana Herons. The second film shows the exciting visual story of the life of the Egrets and what has been done to restore it from the brink of extinction.

Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM BIRDS OF AFRICA (44 min. film)

The first sound-color film taken primarily of the fabulous birdlife of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and the Eastern Congo. The film shows the close association between the birds and many of the big-game animals.

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM THE AMERICAN FLAMINGO  
THE WHOOPING CRANE (both films = 35 min.)

Tells the story of the almost extinct American Flamingo at its nesting ground in Yucatan. Also traces the growth of the young birds. The second film features spectacular flight scenes in slow motion and shows the baby birds which were bred in captivity. It also tells the story of the efforts being made to save the species from extinction.

Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM WILDERNESS TRAIL  
WILDLIFE IN THE ROCKIES (both films = 30 min.)

The first film record on an actual "pack trip" into the rugged and scenic Bridger Wilderness Area in Wyoming. It shows how our National Forests are protected and kept in their natural state for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans. The second film shows some of the wild animals, both big and small, that inhabit the forested mountain slopes of Banff and Jasper National Parks. Animals such as deer, moose, bear, bighorn sheep, birds, etc. are the subjects of this interesting film.

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM TEMPERATE DECIDUOUS FOREST  
LIFE IN THE FOREST (both films = 30 min.)

Both films deal with the plant and animal relationships that make up a forest community and the changes that take place in the plants and animals as they adjust to the four seasons.

Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM WORLD IN A MARSH (25 min. film)

An intimate view of the infinite variety of life forms that inhabit the quiet waters of the marsh. Activities of some of the insects, small amphibious creatures and birds that have become adapted to life in this miniature world are recorded.

Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM ADVENTURES IN CONSERVATION  
FOREST CONSERVATION (both films = 25 min.)

Film footage from all over the United States is used to illustrate and emphasize the many ways in which man has depleted our natural resources by greed and ignorant exploitation. The conservation activities of many young people who are doing their part to save our resources are recorded in these highly interesting films.



Wednesday, August 31st at 2:00 PM THEN IT HAPPENED  
YOSEMITE

(both films = 30 min.)

The first film is a documentary account of the 1947 Maine Forest Fires which caused losses of more than \$30 million in property and natural resources, and left ruin and desolation in their wake. The second film portrays the splendor of gigantic valleys and cliffs, of shining waterfalls and dark forests in Yosemite, one of America's famous National Parks.

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Parents are invited to enjoy the Trailside Museum and the Sanctuary grounds while their youngsters are attending the film program.

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Coming soon . . . .

#### JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAM

This will be an exciting program for youngsters ages eight and over. Three separate sessions of two weeks each will be offered beginning July 19th. Copies of the program will be mailed to the membership.



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